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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner U.S. FDA 5600 Fishers Lane Room 1471 Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henney:

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My understanding from reading recent news reports other public sources is that we are at increased risk of losing the effectiveness of many of our antibiotics through everuse and nonessential use. My sources indicate that 80% of the antibiotics used in agriculture are used in feed, not to treat sick animals.

I wish to join those asking for a ban on using human antibiotics in animal feeds. It might even cost the consumer a bit more for meat, but the trade off seems worth it to me.

I sincerely hope the FDA will consider seriously this problem.

Sincerely,

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